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# Frog Program Puts Jump in Leap Year Celebration

2008 is a Leap Year, which means the month of February will have one extra day this year. Make the day a memorable one and hop into the spring spirit and enjoy frog songs at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, February 29. The naturalist will lead a fun and educational program, including learning how to call early amphibian crooners.

Unlike most frog and toad species which mate in spring, wood frogs start early by returning to their vernal pools to begin mating around mid February. From high-pitch chirps to low grumbles, their exotic calls and froggy voices are ubiquitous among the forest's annual springtime chorus.

Special prizes will be given to leap year babies who can prove they were born on February 29<sup>th</sup>. This program is suited for children ages 6 to 10. The cost of this event is \$4 per child and prepaid reservations are required. For more information, please call 703-451-9588.

Hidden Pond Nature Center is located at 8511 Greeley Boulevard in Springfield.

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